

Southern Flyer



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3rd Infantry Division soldiers transport a comrade injured in a firefight in Iraq.

Healing in the sky

908AES flight nurses, aeromedical evacuation techs rack up flying hours treating Operation Enduring and Iraqi Freedom wounded

By Jeff Melvin
908AW Public Affairs

Ten 908th Airlift Wing members put their patient care skills to the test during a 120-day deployment supporting Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Four 908th Aeromedi-

cal Evacuation Squadron flight nurses and six medical technicians returned home Oct. 20, following a stint with the 791st Expeditionary Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron. The medical personnel operated out of Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

Flying combat and combat support missions, the 908th members and other medical practitioners racked up flying hours ferrying patients to locations in Iraq and Afghanistan as well as Central and Southwest Asia, Africa, and Andrews, Kelly and Scott

AFBs stateside, said senior 908AES deployer, chief nurse Lt. Col. Sharon Andrews.

The reservists also pulled ground support details, on and off loading equipment, patients and re/deconfiguring aircraft. They averaged 1-2 mis-

sions per week.

"All 908th members received C-141 and C-17 certification and were mixed with C-141 qualified crewmembers and then separated into seven-member crews (three

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Celebrate great UCI, upcoming holidays, but be safe



By Col. James Stewart
908th Airlift Wing commander

Thanks to all of you for your outstanding performance during our unit compliance inspection! According to the AFRC/IG, we were the best organization they had seen in quite some time. To be precise, we had only 8 findings and 17 observations. Even in the area of Time and Attendance, a miserable failure for most organizations, we had no major problems and a dual compensation error rate of only .6 percent (1 error). Superb work! I am very

proud of each and every one of you for this fine showing. You truly lived up to our wing motto of being "Ready...Always!"

As you know, the holiday season is rapidly approaching. Therefore, Saturday evening we'll be gathering in the Fuel Cell to share some Christmas Spirit as a wing. I hope you are all looking forward to the event as much as I am. Watching the "winners" of the Karaoke contest *alone* should be worth the price of admission.

Finally, remember your operational risk management training and think about safety during the holiday season. Be alert for drivers around you who may be distracted by shopping lists and excited children. Also watch out for those that might have had too much "Christmas Cheer." I want to see all of you back safe and sound in January. From the Stewart family, I wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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For information about this schedule, call Jeff Melvin at (334) 953-7874.

Receive a blessing this season by giving to others

Often times in the holiday season we are reminded to count our blessings. However, we must remember that we have been blessed so that we may in turn be a blessing to others.

Once again this year the First Sergeants are asking everyone's assistance to help families in need. Remember, everything

donated goes directly to members of the 908th. This year we are asking for donations of money or toys and they will be accepted through the end of the day Saturday.

Last year was the first year that I helped and I was truly moved by the generosity shown by the members of this wing. I ask that you continue that tradition by giving a

donation so others can be blessed through your generosity.

If you know of someone in the wing who needs a little help this year, please see one of the First Sergeants.

Come this UTA with a donation of either toys or money. Receive a blessing by giving to others. It is truly better to give than to receive.



By Chaplain (Capt.) Jamie Danford
908th Airlift Wing staff chaplain

Take care to continue outstanding safety record

Happy holidays to all members of the 908th – the season is upon us! It's a great time to look back and reflect on the wing's outstanding year. As your chief of safety, let me congratulate each and every one of you on keeping our excellent safety record intact.

We have had several mobilizations, deployments, increased flying hours, the "101 Critical Days of Summer," and a record setting unit compliance inspection. Each of you had a specific and critical role in making these events happen and because of the meticulous and professional manner they were performed all were done safely without significant mishaps.

Now once again we are



By Lt. Col. Richard Gilchrist,
908th Airlift Wing, Chief of Safety

faced with the possibility of going to war and playing a vital role in the fight against terrorism. Again, because of the detail and pride we take in our work and because we are professionals I'm confident that if called we'll perform all taskings as safely as possible.

Back to the holidays – this is the second most mishap-prone time of the

year. The combination of the holidays and the current world situation present many distractions that can easily become pitfalls. One of these is traveling. Drivers vary in skill, attentiveness, discipline, and risk taking. Responsible drivers manage the conditions they are driving in, the risks involved, and avoid a situation where others must act defensively on their behalf. And most importantly, being the professionals we are, I know everyone is cognizant of the consequences of drinking and driving. Remember to plan extra time, take a break every two hours, and use common sense.

When entertaining be responsible hosts. Be conservative when serving

alcohol, offer alternatives and serve plenty of food. If guests appear impaired, offer them rides home – you owe it to them and you owe it to yourself.

This year at our wing Christmas party we will have well publicized designated drivers for anyone who needs a ride. The safety office staff will be on call that weekend beginning Friday evening for anyone needing assistance. You may call 953-7871/7873, 207-1916, or 318-6547.

In closing, I hope you are able to spend time with your friends and family and that everyone has a merry and joyous holiday season. From your safety office – "happy holidays" – I want to see each and every one of you back here in January!



Photos by Jeff Melvin

Wing shines during UCI

Above, Maj. Kelly Maiorana, wing performance planning officer, speaks to the assembly of wing personnel and AFRC inspectors during the unit compliance inspection in brief Oct. 29. Left, 908th CES Fire Department members engage in a C-130 Aircraft Egress Exercise as part of the UCI. The wing earned high marks during the inspection.

President, governors show employer support

State and territorial governors joined with President Bush Nov. 14 to sign proclamations declaring Nov. 17-23 as Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week.

The signings were held in conjunction with the 2003 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom and Home Front Awards.

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld presented the 2003 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Awards to Miller

Brewing Co., Central Atlantic Toyota Distribution Center, D.H. Griffin Wrecking Co., Pacific Gas & Electric, and Tyson Foods. The 2003 Home Front Awards recipients were Home Depot, Verizon Communications, Albertsons and Clear Channel Airports.

The award ceremony took place at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in Washington Nov. 14, followed by a presidential reception at the White House. (AFRC News Service from an ESGR news release)



Alabama Gov. Bob Riley signs a statement of support of Guardsmen and Reservists at the State Capitol Oct. 17. Riley, President Bush and other governors signed procla-

mations Nov. 14, declaring Nov. 17-23 as Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week.

Photo by Maj. Jerry Lobb

908AES flight nurses, med techs treat war wounded

Continued from Page 1 flight nurses and four aeromedical evacuation technicians)," Andrews said.

908AES personnel participated in many memorable missions, including the first urgent mission to Baghdad International Airport to evacuate the injured personnel from the terrorist bombing of the United Nations compound, the chief nurse added.

The deployment presented an opportunity for the AES personnel to witness the fruits of earlier labors setting up the Ramstein operation.

"We went over for 8 weeks (starting March 15) and set up the squadron from scratch. We were handed an empty building and told, 'Go,'" said flight nurse Maj. Jeffrey Starr.

The group went back home and six weeks later were asked to "come back and run the shop."

Starr attributed the group's success to training.

"The training was essential. The types of aircraft we flew were totally different from the C-130. In fact, we joked that the C-130 was the stealth aircraft of the war because we never saw one. We flew every other type of aircraft (C-141, C-17 and C-5), so we had to get up to speed on those," he said.

He described the experience as "rewarding, but also disheartening because sometimes I didn't feel worthy to take care of them because they were so special." He then related an example about a soldier who'd lost his leg from a rocket propelled grenade attack.

"You can't do this job without being affected if you have even a small amount of humanity in you. These (the U.S.

servicemembers) are terrific people and I felt honored and privileged to be able to do this."

This represented the fourth deployment in the last two years for medical technician Staff Sgt. Sean Scarcliff. He said the certain knowledge that he's making a difference keeps him going back.

"You get guys that are shot up, cut up, or blown up and take them out of that austere environment that they've been experiencing from anywhere from a couple days to several months and we're the first face outside that environment that they see. The things we can give them be it cold water or just a friendly word and encouragement and maybe ease some pain – they really appreciate it."

"The fact that you can

possibly make them smile or feel appreciated on that trip coming out and know that there are people who remember them and are keeping a watch after them and that their job's done now – that satisfaction is what keeps us going."

Fellow med tech Master Sgt. Ronnie Patterson expressed similar sentiments.

"It was an honor and pleasure to take care of the injured patients. A lot of times people congratulate you for what you do, but I don't need recognition because it's my job and I enjoy what I do. I enjoy taking care of patients and making their days a little brighter."

Starr, Scarcliff and Patterson offered glowing words of praise for support they received from

their home unit and their civilian employers.

"Support was phenomenal. Kudos to Family support and LRS," Starr said.

Patterson said his employers have always been supportive. Before this deployment their concern for him was so great that they asked if they could write a hardship letter to keep him from getting deployed.

"I told them, 'no.' All I needed was their support. They gave me their backing and their blessing and told me to 'keep my head down and come back in one piece.'"

Scarcliff says people whose support for the war is wavering because of the increasing difficulties aren't seeing the bigger picture.

"Looking at the war in that context, just looking

at the body count and the violence is kind of like looking at a master work of art and just being able to look at it through a straw – you only see a part of it; there's a much bigger picture to look at and few people step back and look at the big picture. There's a lot of good going on out there; people just don't get see it," he said.

Despite the hardships, the medical technician said he'd deploy again.

"The way I've grown and changed during this time has been in a positive light. I wouldn't trade these experiences for anything because they've broadened my horizons and helped open my eyes to the way I view the world. The experiences are priceless. It hasn't been easy but it's something I wouldn't take back."



Major Starr (far right) takes care of patients on a C-141 flight stateside. "These folks were coming home and they had everything they owned with them. Sixty to 70 patients was not uncommon, plus bags. They also

received three meals, liquid nourishment, in addition to nursing care, medications, and moral support. It was 10 to 12 hours of very intensive work for the medical crews," Starr said.

Photo by Maj. Mike Johnson, 934AES



Photo by Maj. Jeffrey Starr

Master Sergeant Patterson helps an ambulatory patient through the aircraft on a CONUS flight.

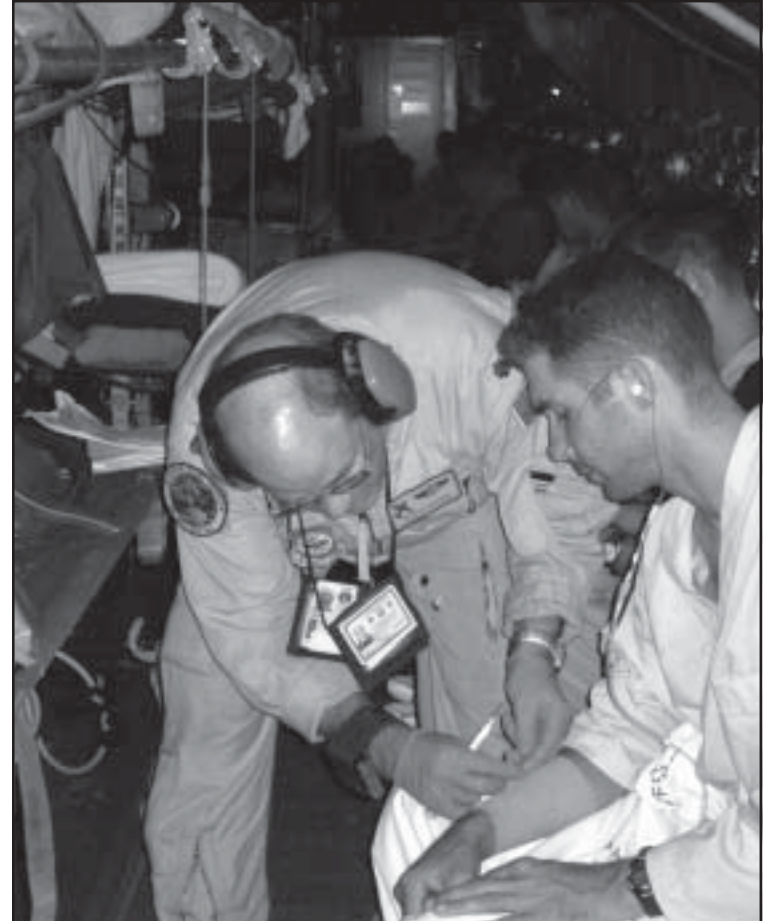


Photo by Maj. Mike Johnson, 934AES

Major Starr changes a patient's dressing.



Photo by Maj. Jeffrey Starr

A typical C-17 mission from Baghdad or Kuwait.



Photo by Maj. Jeffrey Starr

A common sight at Ramstein -- all litter patients had to be manually moved from the aircraft to the Am-Bus for transport to Landstuhl Hospital.



Photo by Maj. Jeffrey Starr

Critical Care Aerovac Transport Team carries former POW PFC Jessica Lynch. Two 908AES members worked ground support duties that day.



Photo by Master Sgt. Ronnie Patterson

A CONUS-bound patient gives the thumbs up sign.

Reserve component key to air mobility success, AF leaders say

By 1st Lt. Jeffrey M. Bishop
Air Mobility Command Public
Affairs

ANAHEIM, Calif. -- The total force contribution to air mobility success in the ongoing global war on terrorism was a recurring theme during the 35th Airlift/Tanker Association convention here Oct. 30-Nov. 2.

To highlight that theme, U.S. Transportation Command and Air Mobility Command Commander Gen. John W. Handy discussed reserve component issues during a combined address to more than 2,000 people Oct. 31 at the Anaheim Convention Center. Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, Air Force Reserve Command commander, and Lt. Gen. Daniel James III, di-

rector of the Air National Guard, also appeared with the general.

Handy started by lauding the command's performance during recent events. "Our total force mobility team gave everything that it had," he said.

AMC and AMC-gained tankers have flown more than 8,000 sorties, refueling more than 22,000 receiver aircraft for the Homeland Defense mission, according to the general.

"(We) keep the skies over this country safe and provide America that security blanket, that feeling of comfort that we're up there protecting them." He added that the majority of those missions were flown

by volunteers from the Reserve and National Guard.

Citing the role the Guard played in recent military operations, James said, "They did the same thing that the guardsmen of old, the militiamen, did: They dropped the plow, picked up the rifle and mustered. ... and delivered the capability that we needed."

That capability would not have been delivered without the immense ongoing support the reserve components have received from the employers of the 17,000 Guard and Reserve airmen currently mobilized, Sherrard said. That support includes making up pay differentials, retaining health benefits or

"just putting up a picture of those who are gone, inside the workplace."

But long, taxing deployments for thousands in the reserve components may create a potential challenge in the area of recruiting and retention. Sherrard said his command is acutely aware of the effects of long deployments and understands "the real pain that we have inflicted on some of our families," that may create a difficult recruiting and retention environment.

A solution lies in part with former active-duty members who still have a strong desire to serve their nation, he added.

"We can certainly

get non-prior service members to come join our force, but they don't have that great experience that that member who is separating offers us," Sherrard said. "It's critical to us, in terms of the things we're going to be asked to do."

After concurrent operations to defend the homeland and prosecute operations in Afghanistan and Iraq, many Air Force leaders will state that the service's integration of its active and reserve components is thoroughly complete - and seamless.

"We used to have to be careful to say 'Guard and Reserve' every time we said 'active,'" said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper

during an interview after his address to the convention. "I think we are beyond that anymore because you don't do any of it without all of us in there together."

"A combat-ready member is a combat-ready member, whether you are a member of the active force, the Guard or the Reserve," Sherrard said. "(Our leaders) ensure that we are all part of one big force."

"There's really just one team that's stepping forward, and that one team is Air Force," he added. "That's been our key to success; we've been doing it together for a very long time." (AFRC News Service from AMC News Service)



Photo by Maj. Jerry Lobb

286 on ice

Aircraft 286 rigged for testing and chilled to 40 degrees below zero inside the Climatic Chamber at Eglin AFB, Fla. Local civic leaders saw a familiar sight Oct. 23 when they entered the chamber at Eglin, an aircraft with the same Maxwell markings as the C-130 on which they had flown. The aircraft was undergoing testing by engineers from Boeing and

Aeronautical Systems Command as a part of the C-130 Avionics Modernization Program. The nine C-130s belonging to the 908th will be the first of more than 500 converted to the "M" model. The conversion is scheduled to be completed in 2008. See a complete story and photos of the new cockpit design in the January 2004 "Southern Flyer."

December Unit Training Assembly Schedule

Start	End	Event	Location/OPR
Friday, Dec. 5, 2003			
1630	1900	Commanders' Staff Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conference Room
Saturday, Dec. 6, 2003			
0730	0800	Sign In	Orderly Room
0730	0800	Newcomers' Flight Reception	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMT
0800	0850	Newcomers' Intro/Orientation	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMT
0800	1100	Lab Work/DNA/HIV/Blood Testing	Bldg. 760/Lab
0820	1500	Physicals	Bldg. 760/First Floor
0830	1230	Air Force Training Course	Bldg. 845/Conf Rm
0830	1130	Shots (Yellow Fever, 1030-1130)	Bldg. 760/First Floor
0830	0900	Pregnancy Profiles/Weight Waivers/ Fitness for Duty (Bring DD Form 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room
0830	1030	Anthrax Briefings (30 min.)	Bldg. 760/First Floor
0830	1230	NBC Defense Training	Bldg. 1154/Rm 119
0830	TBD	Units at Range M-16 (Classroom)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
0930	1030	Unit Education & Training Managers' Mtg	Bldg. 903/DPMT
0930	1000	TDY/PCS Out-Processing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 111, DPMSA
1000	1100	Gas Mask/A1 Bag Issue (Newcomers)	Bldg. 848/West Side
1000	1100	Unit Deployment Managers' Mtg	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
1030	1130	First Sergeants' Meeting	Golf Course Snack Bar
1100	1200	Operational Risk Management	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
1230	TBD	Units at Range M-16 (Firing)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
1230	1530	CDC Testing (SNCOA Course 5&12 CD Rom Only)	Bldg. 903/DPMT
1300	1400	Human Resources Development Council	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
1300	1500	Newcomers' MPF In-Processing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 109/
1330	1400	Fitness for Duty (Bring DD Form 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room
1530	TBD	Sign Out	Orderly Room
Sunday, Dec. 7, 2003			
0630	0700	Sign in	SOC, Bldg. 1403, Polifka Auditorium
0700	0800	Wing Commander's Call	SOC, Bldg. 1403, Polifka Auditorium
0830	1230	NBC Defense Training	Bldg. 1154/Rm 119
0830	TBD	Units at Range M-16 (Classroom)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
0830	1130	Hazardous Cargo Training	TBD
0830	1130	Pallet Build-up/Joint Inspection	25APS (Various locations)
0830	0900	Fitness for Duty (Bring DD Form 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room
0900	0930	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 846/Classroom 2/25 APS
0900	1000	Self-Inspection Monitors Mtg	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Room
0900	1000	Wing Mobility Out-Processing	Bldg. 848/West Side
0930	1015	EPR Training	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Room
1000	1030	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 848/Classroom/COM Flight
1015	1100	EPR/OPR Monitors Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Room
1100	1130	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 1056/Rm. 101/DPMT
1100	1200	Wing Career Advisors' Meeting	Bldg. 1052
1130	1230	Chief's Group Meeting	Bldg. 1461
1130	1230	SORTS/Commander Meeting	Bldg. 1055/Cmd Post
1230	1530	CDC Testing	Bldg. 903/DPMT Classroom
1300	1400	Chemical Mask Exchange	Bldg. 848/West Side
1300	1400	Honor Guard Meeting	Bldg. 1056/Cmd. Chief's Office
1330	1400	Fitness for Duty (Bring DD Form 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room
1330	1430	UTA Bulletin Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf. Room
1600	TBD	Sign-out	Orderly Room

Support functions' schedule			
Activity	Dates & hours of operation		Location/Ext.
Newcomers' Training Flight	Sun, 0630-1600		Bldg. 1056/Rm 101
MPF Customer Service	Sat, 0800-1200	Sun, 0900-1100	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
		Sun, 1200-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
		Sun, 0700-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
ID Cards	M-F, 0630-1600	Sun, 0700-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
	Sat, 0800-1200 1500-1700		
Reserve Pay	M-F, 0700-1100; 1200-1600	Sat, 0800-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-6722
	Sat, 0830-0900 1330-1400	Sun, 0730-0800	Bldg. 711/3-5714
Fitness For Duty (Bring DD Form 689)	Sat, 0800-1500	Sun, 0800-1300	Bldg. 711/3-5714
Medical Records	Sat, 0800-1530		Bldg. 1154/3-6020
Individual Equipment	Sat, 0900-1500	Sun, 1200-1500	Bldg. 851/3-7505
Clothing Sales	M-F, 0630-1600		Bldg. 502/3-4283
Restricted Area Badges	M- F, 0730-1600		Bldg. 502/3-4283
Vehicle Registration	Sat, 1300-1500		Bldg. 1056/Rm 102
Geneva Convention Cards	M-F, 0730-1600	Sun, 1200-1500	Bldg. 502/3-4283
	Sat, 0600-0930	Sun, 0600-0930	Bldg. 668/3-5127
	1100-1300	1100-1300	
Dining Hall	1600-1830	1600-1830	
Lodging office/reservations (lodging problems, contact 908th rep via lodging front desk)	Sun, 1300-1500		Bldg. 1573/3-2401
Photo lab	M-F, 0730-1630	Sun, 1300-1500	Bldg. 926/3-7981

December UTA Lodging

To access the Lodging Reservation System, please follow these instructions:

- * Make reservations, cancellations or changes at least 24 hours prior to arrival.
- * Call Maxwell at 1-800-673-9356
- * Input your unit's authorization code
- * Dial the system at 3-8557 or 3-8558
- * The system will ask for your SSAN, which you will input with the telephone keypad
- * The system will ask for your personal ID number, followed by the "#" sign. (PIN is available through your First Sergeant or Services 3-7332)
- * The system will ask if you would like to make, change, or cancel a reservation.
- * To make a reservation, input arrival date and then departure date.
- * You will be asked if the reservation is ADT, IDT, or both (ADT: Annual Tour, Mandays, Special Tour) (IDT: UTA, AFTP, RMP, Make-up UTA)
- * If this is a scheduled UTA weekend, the system will tell you where you will be staying
- * If you cancel or change a reservation, you will be prompted for a phone number.

**** The confirmation number you receive is for 908th Services use only.***

Note: You can also call the system direct DSN or Commercial. The numbers are: DSN 493-8557/8558 or COMM: (334) 953-8557/8558.

If you have a question please contact Master Sgt. Byron Godwin at:

Commercial: (334) 953-7332
DSN: 493-7332
E-mail: byron.godwin@maxwell.af.mil
Emergency cell: (334) 657-1304

Notice! Checkout time at Maxwell Lodging for the December UTA is 0800 Sunday. If you do not have time to go to the front desk, and do not have a phone charge, there will be a key drop box located in Bldg. 157 (Main Lodging) for your convenience. Please do not use this box if you have any charges on your bill. In accordance with AFI 34-246 **smoking is not permitted in lodging rooms.** You may be charged a minimum of \$50 for cleaning for violating this AFI.

Airlift will be lodged at the Hampton Inn, Prattville.

Aurora, Ill./Huntsville, Ala. Airlift Schedule

UTA pick-up schedule Friday:

Depart Maxwell at 1530 local
Arrive Aurora at 1800 local
Depart Aurora at 1830 local
Arrive Huntsville at 2030 local
Depart Huntsville at 2100 local
Maxwell at 2145 local

UTA return schedule Sunday:

Bus departs Bldg. 1056 at 1530

Depart Maxwell at 1600 local
Arrive Huntsville at 1645 local
Depart Huntsville at 1700 local
Arrive Aurora at 1900 local
Depart Aurora at 1915 local
Arrive Maxwell at 2115 local

FY 04 Unit Training Assembly Dates

**Jan. 10-11; Feb. 7-8; March 6-7;
April 3-4; May 1-2; ** June 6-712-13;
July 10-11; Aug. 7-8; Sept. 11-12
*****note date change*****

Take Note

Congratulations to the following people:**Promotions**

....to Master Sgt.
Michelle FitzHenry,
AES
James Lowery II,
ASTS

Bryan Martin, AES
Gerald Roth, CES
Kenneth Smith, MXG

....to Tech. Sgt.
Harless Bassett, AMS
Teresa Cruger,
357AS
Alison Gomez, 357AS
Jonathan Griswold,
AES

Samantha Jones, AES
Michael Lowman, MXS
Rodney Manney, MXS
Sean Scarcliff, AES
Kenneth Smith, MXG
Richard Valenzuela, MXS
Johnny White, SFS
John Yarbrough, MXS

....to Staff Sgt.
Waseem Ahmed, AMS
Anita Atkinson, MSS
Patrick Cassidy, MXS
David Coolins, MXS
Anthony Cunningham Jr., CES
Darren Gaskin, SFS
Don Prempramot, MXS

Alma Ramirez, 908AW

....to Senior Airman
Tifarah Boyd, MSS
Timothy Brisbane, AMS
Daniel Cavender, MXS
Christopher Hackett, ASTS
Moses Harris III, MXS
Newton Howell, MXS
Jeffrey Kevan, CES
Marcquis Lee, CES
Kendall Lipscomb, LRS
Christopher Powell, CES
Daniel Thompson, MXS
Sonya Wilson, 908AW

....to Airman First Class
Derrick Hall, AMS
Julian McCord, SFS

Darren Sankey, CES
Audrey Thompson, LRS
Crystal Turner, ASTS

....to Airman
Gary Bronson, LRS
Rhonda Hannah, ASTS
Crayton Harvey, CES
Arnesia Moore, OSF
Benjamin Parnell III, 25APS

Retirements

Master Sgt. Charles Johnson, MXS
Master Sgt. Charles Moore, 908AW

Squadrons get new leaders

The Mission Support Squadron was redesignated the Mission Support Flight under the command of Maj. Troy Vonada and command of the

Logistics Readiness Squadron passed from Lt. Col. Jon Huguley to Lt. Col. Sue Curran Nov. 2.

Local office gets new recruiter

Tech. Sgt. Demetra Nickerson is the new recruiter in the Montgomery office. She replaces Tech. Sgt. Ken Blocker who PCS'd to Little Rock, Ark.

In other recruiter news, Tech. Sgt. Robert Vazquez, Dothan, Ala. recruiter, has PCS'd to Sheppard AFB, Texas. There will not be a replacement for the Dothan office. It will become an itinerant office with the Montgomery office recruiter going down to Dothan twice a week.



908th Airlift Wing
"Hawaiian Christmas"

◆ **Date: Dec. 6, 2003**
◆ **Time: 1800 'til 2400**
◆ **Location: 908th Fuel Cell Hangar**
◆ **Ticket Donation: \$10 per person**
◆ **Cocktails and Dinner**
◆ **Come Casual, Come Formal ...Just come and have some fun!!!**

Door Prizes, Games, Group Hospitality Tables, DJ and Dancing

Who'll be local American Idol?

Vote casting for the Christmas Party Karaoke will continue right up to the start of the party.

To vote, staple your money (\$1 per vote) to a contest ballot (found at various locations throughout the wing) and turn them in to the following people: Maj. Kelly Maiorana, 908AW 3-9702; Master Sgt. Brandy Lindsey, ASTS, 3-5404; Senior Master Sgt. Steve Tarrance, OG, 3-7308; Master Sgt. Donna Bursley, MSG, 3-3329; and Staff Sgt. Claire Miller, MXG, 3-9818. Proceeds will be used for the Christmas Party, and on other wing events such as Family Day.

Here's a breakdown of the voting as of Nov. 19.

◆ **Headquarters/ASTS** -- Maj Maiorana -- 101, Col Williams -- 19, Col Stewart- 13, Lt Col Pierson -- 10, Chief Ead - 10

◆ **Operations Group** -- Col Perez -- 85, Col Bell -- 7, Lt Col Ham -- 5, Lt Col Schmitkons -- 5,

◆ **Maintenance Group** -- Chief Thomas -- 20, Lt Col Kohler -- 6, Lt Weed -- 10, Lt Magee -- 6

◆ **Mission Support Group** -- Lt Col Poteat -- 25, Lt Col Forshey -- 23, Chief Looney -- 7, Lt Lionberger - 6



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Getting the hang of it

Lynn Beshear, aided by a life support technician from the 919th Special Operations Wing, undergoes hanging harness training at Duke Field. Beshear was one of the 38 civic leaders and employers taking part in the 908th's Civic Leader tour to Duke, Eglin and Patrick Air Force Bases Oct. 23-24.

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